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1. PER REFTEL, IN A MAR 14 PRESS CONFERENCE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT
SPOKESMAN
MIRKO KALEZIC WAS ASKED BY HUNGARIAN JOURNALIST IF "GEORGE VEST HAD
SOUGHT GUARANTEES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NUCLEAR CENTER NEAR
KRSKO". AS REPORTED BY NEWSPAPERS AND TANJUG, KALEZIC REPLIED,
"IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT
GEORGE VEST AND (HIS) DELEGATION ABOUT DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT FOR
THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT KRSKO, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE PROCEEDED
FROM WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLED POSITIONS ON COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.
WE, IN FACT, CONSIDER ANY POLICY OF MONOPOLY, NO MATTER ON
WHICH SIDE, IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND ITS TRANSFER FOR
THE PURPOSE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER COUNTRIES
TO BE DEEPLY HARMFUL AND UNTENABLE. THIS POLICY OF MONOPOLY IS
EXPRESSED, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IN THE CREATION OF THE SO-CALLED
CLUB OF LONDON, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE USE OF
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THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND ITS DEVELOPMENT IS A
YUGOSLAV MATTER WHICH CONCERNS ITS SOVERIGN RIGHT TO AN INDEPENDENT
POLICY FOR ITS OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THESE POLITICAL PRINCIPLES THE YUGOSLAV SIDE
PRESENTED THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF
THE PREVIOUSLY ARRIVED-AT AGREEMENT WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION
NEITHER SIDE IS BRINGING NOR WANTS TO BRING INTO QUESTION."

2. WHILE GOY HAS NOW EDGED SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO AIRING OF THEIR POSITION ON KRSKO, THEY ARE STILL KEEPING PUBLIC PRESSURE RELATIVELY LOW-KEY. IN MARCH 14 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, FSFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS KOSTIC SAID HIS AND STARCEVIC'S INITIAL REACTION TO USG'S NEW PROPOSALS ON KRSKO WAS THAT WE WERE SIMPLY REITERATING POSITION CONTAINED IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS NOT AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE, MENTIONED THAT ASST SECRETARY BERNARDIC RETURNING TO BELGRADE MARCH 16 AND THAT ULTIMATE REACTION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM VERY HIGH LEVEL.
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